नियमों के अन्तर्गत विनियमित किया जाता है।

राष्ट्रीय वन नीति, 1988 के लक्ष्यों में से एक लक्ष्य, ग्रामीणों तथा आदिवासियों की ईंधन की लकड़ी, चारा, छोटे वन उत्पाद तथा छोटी इमारती लकड़ी की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करना है। इस प्रकार उनकी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए कुछ वृक्षों की कटाई तो होगी ही और इसलिए वृक्षों की कटाई पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध लगाना संभव नहीं है।

Location of Central Government Club in Nationa Library Campus in Calcutta

2208. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central Government club is likely to be located inside the National Library Campus in Calcutta;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to remove the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir. There already exists a Central Services Club in the National Library campus, Calcutta for the last thirty years and therefore the question to locate a Central Government club inside the National Library Campus does not arise.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Computers Acquired by CSIR lying unused

2209. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that computers acquired by CSIR for modernising financial and administrative information system at a cost of Rs. 82 lakhs have remained unused;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to use these computers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Out of the 40 Personal Computers systems provided for modernisation of financial and administrative information system in 39 Laboratories and at CSIR Headquarters, all, except in four Laboratories, are now in use.

(b) The delay in these four Laboratories is due to certain hardware and administrative problems.

(c) The remaining four laboratories have been instructed by CSIR to put the Personal Computer systems into use at the earliest.

'Forests in the country'

2210. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 112 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the minimum per capita requirement of forest cover in the country; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to increase the forest area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The National Forest Policy 1988 states that National goal should be to have a minimum one third of total land area of the country under forest or tree cover.

The minimum per capita forest cover required in the country for sustainable development is estimated to be 0.4 hectares. This is against 0.11 hectares of the forest area per capita available at present.

(b) National Wastelands Development Board was set up in 1985 with the aim of implementing a massive programme of afforestation in the country with the people's participation.

Contract for construction of Flats in IIT

2211. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi had awarded a contract about two years ago for construction of flats for Professors and Lecturers of the Institute;

(b) if so, what was the amount of the contract and how and to which organisation the contract was awarded; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said contract was awarded without calling for open tenders; if so, what action has been taken by Government against the officials of the IIT, who were instrumental in awarding the contract without floating tenders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The amount of the contract was Rs. 222.5 lakhs. Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, an institute established by an Act of Parliament has well established norms to award tenders and to look after the construction programme, and is advised by its Building and Works Committee established as per the IIT Act. This Committee, in accordance with these norms decided to award the work to National Buildings Construction Corporation at the then prevalent market rate after suitable negotiations.

IAF-Mirage 2000 Aircraft flying without Armaments

2212. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force aircraft MIRAGE 2000 flew for almost two years without any major armaments as there was none in the I.A.F. inventory;

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor;

(c) when was the acquisition of aircraft completed and when was the contract for weapons signed; and

(d) whether there was a time-lag between the acquisition of the aircraft and the armaments for it; if so, what were the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The acquisition of the aircraft was completed by September, 1988 while the contracts for weapons were signed between Octo-